

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SUZUKO FUKAO ) : Examiner: M. L. Burleson  
Application No.: 10/052,360 ) : Art Unit: 2626  
Filed: January 23, 2002 ) :  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS AND METHOD, ) :  
AND IMAGE PROCESSING )  
SYSTEM : March 14, 2006

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 14, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The changes to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 8.